

LESSON
22

PRACTICE WORKSHEET A

COPYMASTER

Writing Introductions

Directions: Below are three possible introductions to an essay. Read each introduction. Then, for the questions that follow, circle the *best* answer.

Essay Topic: the need for more bike paths in the writer's hometown

Possible Introductions:

- A.** More kids aged 5 to 14 go to hospital emergency rooms with injuries related to biking than with any other sport. The city government should build more bike paths for cyclists to use. Over half a million people go to hospital emergency rooms with bike-related injuries each year.
- B.** Why ride a bike? It's good for your health, and unlike riding in a car, biking doesn't pollute or use up natural resources. More people should ride bikes. The government of this city should build more bike paths for people to ride on.
- C.** Two weeks ago, I was almost injured while biking. When the park bike path ended, I had to ride in the street. Suddenly, a man in a car opened his door without looking behind him. I swerved to avoid it and was almost hit by another car. The experience would never have happened if I could have continued on a bike path. More bike paths must be built in this city.

1. Introduction *A* begins with—

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a quotation b. a question to the reader | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. an anecdote d. a fact |
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2. Introduction *B* begins with—

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. vivid description b. a question to the reader | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. an anecdote d. a fact |
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3. Which introduction *begins with* the thesis statement?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. introduction <i>A</i> b. introduction <i>B</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. introduction <i>C</i> d. all of the introductions |
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4. Which introduction begins with an anecdote?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. introduction <i>A</i> b. introduction <i>B</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. introduction <i>C</i> d. none of the introductions |
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5. Which introduction provides a clear, focused, interesting beginning?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. introduction <i>A</i> b. introduction <i>B</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. introduction <i>C</i> d. all of the introductions |
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